



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. Frank S. Bacio
Mr. Vito Cannella
Ms. Rita Hall
Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **JULY 18, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank Bacio
Vito Cannella
John Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Rita Hall

Others Present

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services
Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Service Staff

APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2007 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Cannella, and unanimously carried, the minutes of July 18, 2007 were approved, with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña gave the following report:

- “County OKs Kids’ Mental Health Plan”, Los Angeles Times, July 18, 2007, regarding the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approving an initiative for up to \$90 million aimed at improving mental health services for thousands of children in the County’s child welfare system.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund currently is \$1,368.50.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, reported the following:

- The Audit Committee meeting is on July 19, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 525.
- The Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly Report for April – June 2007 will be delivered to the Board of Supervisors on 7/18/07.
- The website for the Sybil Brand Commission will be operational as of 7/19/07. The website can be accessed @<http://sbc.lacounty.gov>.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Report for 2006-2007 was received.

FACILITY INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JULY 11 TO JULY 17, 2007

Pacific Lodge – 48, #3 - Commissioner Stathatos

The facility was visited on July 10, 2007, and found to be in excellent condition; bathrooms are being remodeled.

Touch A Life Foundation– 61, #2- Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on July 12, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition, extensive remodeling is being done in the kitchen and dinning room.

Areas of Concern: Mold in the shower and floor furnace needs to be cleaned; smoke detectors need batteries.

Drice Group Home- 17, #2- Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

This facility was visited on July 12, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Areas of Concern: Evacuation plan needs to be marked and posted; bathroom needs repairs.

Shamrock Cottage #4 – 56, #5 – Commissioner Hammargren

This facility was visited on July 16, 2007, and the home was permanently closed.

Rancho San Antonio/ Catholic Charities – 52, #5 – Commissioner Stathatos

This facility was visited on July 16, 2007, and found to be in excellent condition.

Area of Concern: The facility is waiting for funding from Department of Mental Health to be approved.

Luvlee's Residential Care – 37, #3 – Commissioner Montaña

This facility was visited on July 17, 2007, and found to be in excellent condition.

Van Nuys Superior Court – Commissioners Bacio, Hall, Moore and Stathatos

This facility was visited on July 17, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Needs new sufficient turn-out gear.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Moore reported the following:

- The Commission would like to invite ISD to the Sybil Brand Commission Business Meeting on August 15, 2007.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice A. Davis
Commission Services Division